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THINGS
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KNOW

JOE PANTORNO, SPORTS EDITOR

New year, new me. How many times have we heard that after every ball drop? Well, when it comes to New York sports, we're facing the possibility of seeing a change in some fortunes after a championship-less 2018. We take out our crystal ball and try to predict some major moves some Big Apple teams might make in 2019.

WELCOME TO
METRO.USSPACE ROCK PASSED ON
LANDMARK NASA MISSION

IA NASA explorer is believed to have reached the solar system's outermost region early Tuesday morning, flying close to a space rock 20 miles long and billions of miles from Earth on a mission to gather clues about the creation of the solar system. The body is farther from Earth than any other that has had such a close encounter with a NASA probe, scientists believe. The New Horizons probe was slated to reach the "third zone" in the uncharted heart of the Kuiper Belt at 12:33 a.m. ET. Scientists will not have confirmation of its

successful arrival until the probe communicates its whereabouts through NASA's Deep Space Network at 10:28 a.m., about 10 hours later. Once it enters the peripheral layer of the belt, containing icy bodies and left-over fragments from the solar system's creation, the probe will get its first close-up glance of Ultima Thule, a cool mass shaped like a giant peanut, using seven on-board instruments. Scientists had not discovered Ultima Thule when the probe was launched, according to NASA, making the mission unique in that respect.

POSSIBLE TERRORISM
LINKS TO UK STABBINGS

2A man armed with a kitchen knife stabbed three people, including a police officer, at Manchester Victoria train station on New Year's Eve in an attack police are treating as terrorism-related. Greater Manchester Police said they were searching an address in the Cheetham Hill area of the city on Tuesday after they detained a man on suspicion of carrying out the attack. The man's name has not yet been released. A witness, a BBC producer who was at the station, said a man stabbed several people at the station, shouting "Allah" and

linking his actions to "bombings in other countries." The injured, a woman and a man in their 50s, were in a serious but not life-threatening condition, police said. A male police officer in his 30s who sustained a stab wound to his shoulder was released from hospital earlier on Tuesday morning. "We are treating this as a terrorist investigation," Chief Constable Ian Hopkins said. Police said they would step up their presence in the city where a suicide bomb attack in May 2017 killed 22 people as they left a concert by pop star Ariana Grande.



FEDERER DEFEATS SERENA

3 Serena Williams and Roger Federer take a selfie following their mixed doubles match during Day 4 of the 2019 Hopman Cup at RAC Arena on Tuesday in Perth, Australia. Federer and Belinda Bencic defeated Williams and Frances Tiafoe, 4-2 4-3 (5-3).

WARREN TAKES STEP TO
RUN FOR PREZ IN 2020

4 U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, a liberal firebrand who has taken on Wall Street and traded barbs with Donald Trump, on Monday became the most prominent Democrat to announce a challenge to the Republican president in 2020. Warren said she had formed an exploratory committee, which will allow her to begin raising money to compete in what is expected to be a crowded Democratic primary field before the November 2020 presidential election. She said on Twitter she would announce her decision on whether to run early

in 2019. Warren, 69, a senator from Massachusetts since 2013, became one of Trump's fiercest critics during the 2016 presidential race and they have continued to exchange biting insults during his presidency. Trump mockingly refers to her as "Pocahontas" because of her claim to Native American ancestry. Warren has denounced Trump as an "insecure money grubber" with a platform of "racism, sexism and xenophobia," while Trump has described the former Harvard Law School professor as "goofy" and a "low-life" with "a nasty mouth."

BABY FOUND ALIVE AFTER
35 HOURS UNDER RUBBLE

5 A baby boy has been found alive after 35 hours spent in freezing cold in the rubble of a Russian apartment block that partially collapsed in an explosion, emergency officials reported, calling it a miracle. The blast, thought to have been caused by a gas leak, damaged 48 apartments in a 10-storey building in the industrial city of Magnitogorsk on Monday, killing at least seven people with 36 people still missing. Video footage from the local emergency ministry showed a rescuer worker removing

the baby dressed in pink socks and putting a blanket around it before he starts running toward an ambulance. The current temperature in the city of Magnitogorsk, home to one of Russia's largest steel plants in the Urals some 1,050 miles east of Moscow, is 1 degree Fahrenheit. The fact that the 11-month-old infant, currently diagnosed with a serious freezer burn and a closed-head injury, was lying in his bed and was wrapped up in layers saved his life, TASS news agency reported, citing a regional emergency center.

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Thousands brave rain in Times Square to welcome 2019

NYC ushers in 2019 amidst heavy security and rain.

New York's Times Square erupted with fireworks and cheers at the stroke of midnight on Tuesday as thousands of hardy merrymakers braved pouring rain and watched the glowing New Year's Eve ball complete its midnight descent to mark the start of 2019.

For the multitudes who gathered in the famed midtown Manhattan crossroads, the thrilling moment was reward for enduring hours of standing in a steady downpour during the waning hours of 2018.

Visitors had begun gathering inside penned-off enclosures in the morning, starting an hours-long marathon of standing in one place, with no access to public restrooms.

Helping to keep spirits high was a slate of performers including Christina Aguilera, New Kids on the Block and Sting who entertained the resilient crowd. Many donned plastic rain ponchos and sported colorful, oversized top hats handed out by organizers.

"It was a bucket-list thing," said Daniela Ramous, a 34-year-old sales manager from McAl-

len, Texas. "You grow up watching it on TV, you see all the excitement. There's something magical about New York during this time of year."

Injecting a somber note into the festivities, the Times Square Alliance, the business association that organizes the event, paid a special tribute to freedom of the press, after a year in which journalists came under attack around the world, including in the United States.

A minute before midnight, an invited group of journalists from ABC News, NBC News, the Washington Post, Reuters and other outlets joined Mayor Bill de Blasio in pushing the button that initiates the glittering ball's drop.

As in years past, the New York Police Department screened people entering the corrals, deployed sharpshooters on rooftops and used radiation detectors throughout the event.

It also had planned to use an aerial drone for the first time to monitor the crowds, but canceled the effort on Monday evening given the wind and rain.

The organizers chose to honor press freedom and the contribution of journalists partly because of the deadly hostility that some reporters have faced this year. **REUTERS**

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New Year's Eve revelers are seen during the Times Square New Year's Eve 2019.

The Powerful (and little known) Back Pain Treatment Used By Smart New Yorkers Who Don't Want Back Surgery or Opioid Drugs

NEW YORK CITY - A major back pain relief opportunity is at hand. But if you are interested, you must act quickly.

Here is why: Back pain ruins lives... and puzzles doctors.

You go through so many exams and tests... and treatments... and only end up suffering and frustrated.

And everyone is quick to say they have the "new breakthrough solution."

Am I right?

Well, the fact of the matter is... treating back pain is difficult. But advances in modern medical science and technology have created a treatment that has gotten great results with countless back pain sufferers who had tried everything else. Many had given up hope.

This treatment is called:

"Radiofrequency Neurotomy." RF for short. And here's how it works...

RF is a procedure that is based on the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

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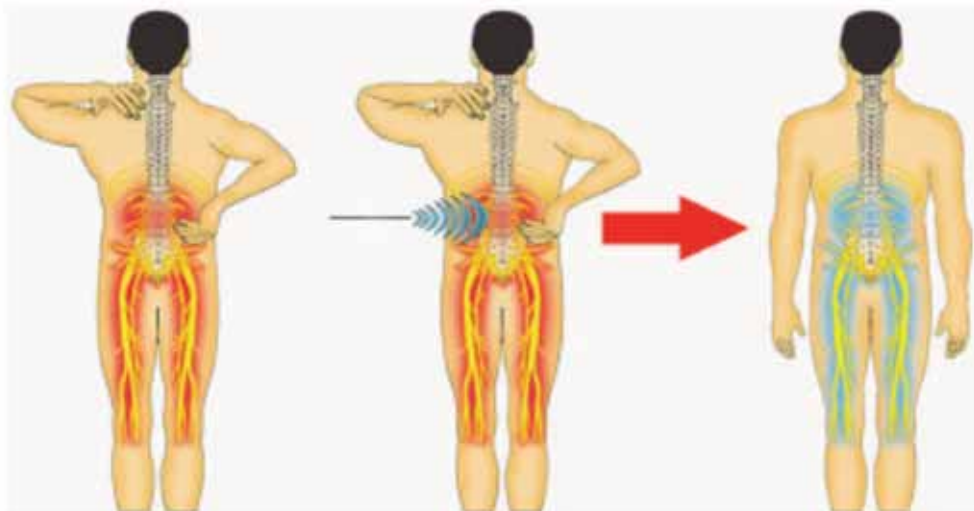
Radiofrequency waves delivered to these nerves under advanced precision medical imaging to target the damaged areas... done right in their own clinic without intimidating, expensive hospitals or surgical centers ... to "block" the painful nerve flow.

Two steps in the formula are performed. First, a test or diagnostic "Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function. If this first "test" procedure is successful, RF Neurotomy or "Radiofrequency" will be performed for longer term relief.

NOT just the Treatment alone that's the key ingredient.

You see, the real secret is the formula. And that again starts with a proper screening evaluation to determine if you are a good candidate and may achieve the results you are looking forward to. This is always Step number one.

And the best part about this screening is... It's FREE



FREE screening available for powerful back pain treatment

This screening will give you so much relief just knowing what is going on... and what your best options are.

That's right. *NYC Pain MD* offers this first step screening at no cost to patients. The only problem is... they often get over 100 inquiries a day as they also treat almost every painful area and joint. Sometimes it's hard to get through. If you don't get through to someone when you call... keep calling... or leave a message... it will be well worth it.

But that's just the first step

After your free screening, if you qualify, the doctors will discuss the best treatment plan for you in a way that you will understand completely. Not all complex "doctor talk"...

This may be one... or a combination of the advanced medical treatments offered at *NYC Pain MD*.

Everything will be explained and all your questions will be answered. And even better:

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You should also know this: While *NYC Pain MD* cannot help everyone...

so many have gotten the pain relief they were looking for.

One of the reasons they offer those first step free screenings, is because it has opened the door to so many people to get help that they never would have otherwise.

At the very least, you will finally have some direction and a plan. And... whether you have the best, worst or no insurance at all, *NYC Pain MD* programs can be made affordable to everyone.

They do not want insurance issues... or not being rich or famous... to keep you away if you are suffering in pain.

How To Schedule Your Risk-Free No-Obligation Screening Evaluation

There is a whole lot more I could say about their treatments etc... but this space is limited and that's best left for you and the doctors to discuss in person.

So... if you are even remotely interested ... take the first step and give them a call at **877-245-9252** and ask for your free screening.

One more thing... We often get over 100 calls in a single day. For that reason, if when you call you do not get a live scheduling coordinator, make sure to leave your name, number and time of your call on our voicemail. They will get back to you as soon as possible. Again, the number to call is **877-245-9252**. More info at: painmdny.com/back-pain

NYC Council Speaker outlines 2019 'wish list'

Corey Johnson laid out his 2019 vision for both the city and himself.



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The new year is a time for reflection and new goals, and as speaker of the New York City Council, Corey Johnson is looking back and planning ahead for both himself and the city as a whole.

The year 2018 was Johnson's first as Council Speaker, and he already has highlighted some legislative wins for the body so far, from school-zone speed cameras to for-hire vehicle regulations. When asked to grade his first year as New York City Council Speaker, Johnson gave it a B+.

"I'm really and truly proud of what we've accomplished this year as a Council, from Fair



NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson.

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Fares to our Stop Sexual Harassment package to reigning in illegal hotels and more," he said in an email. "That said, there is always more work to do in our city, especially when it comes to addressing three separate crises we're facing: our

mass transit system, a devastating lack of affordable housing, and with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)/public housing. So I think a B+ is fair — it acknowledges what we've accomplished but will keep

us aiming even higher next year."

Johnson ran on a promise of making the New York City Council independent from the mayor, and has been praised as being more independent than the previous Speaker, Me-

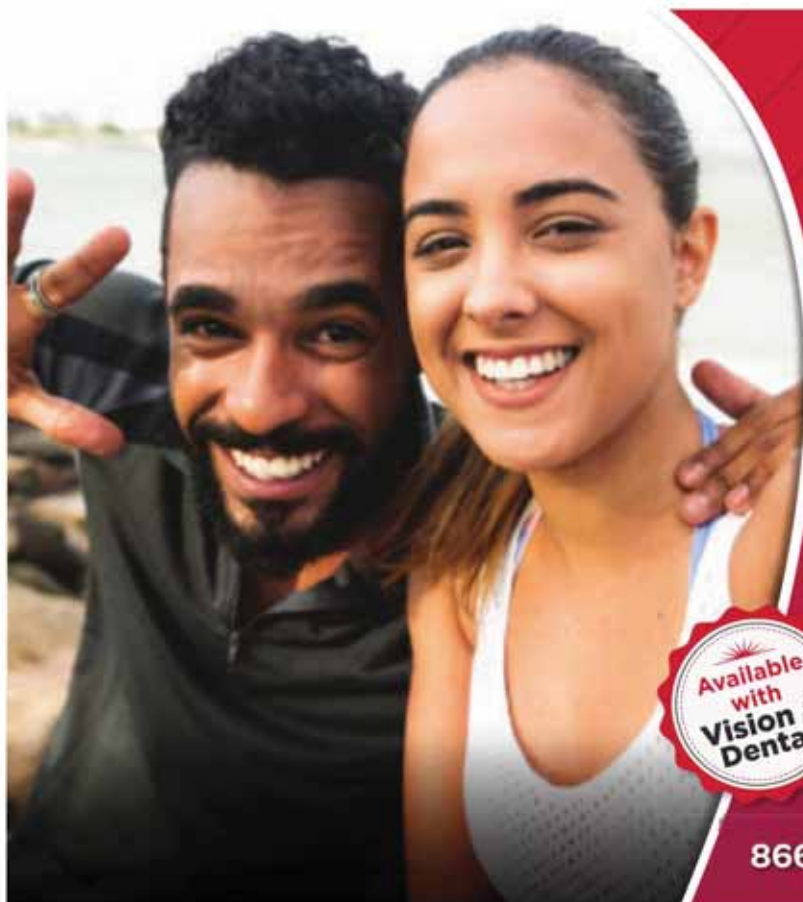
lissa Mark-Viverito.

"He's absolutely been more independent [than Mark-Viverito]," City Council Minority Leader Steven Matteo told City & State. "He's certainly doing a good job of putting the Council first."

Looking ahead to

2019, Johnson plans to pursue that even further.

"For the Council, I want us to continue establishing ourselves as an independent and co-equal branch of city government where we take our oversight and



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legislative authority seriously to try and do the most good for the most New Yorkers," he said.

On the 2019 agenda, the Council will continue to hold Amazon accountable with more HQ2 hearings, Johnson added, and the body will also fight for NYCHA tenants through its oversight authority and think about innovative ways to address the transit crisis.

But when it comes to

is in Albany's hands, so it's important we stake out clearly what the state needs to get done," Johnson said.

"For me, that includes congestion pricing and other ways to fund Andy Byford's Fast Forward plan; rent reform to protect tenants; voting reforms to make New York a leader in democracy (as opposed to the straggler that we are currently)" he continued. "Plus, marijuana

"I'm really and truly proud of what we've accomplished this year as a Council, from Fair Fares to our Stop Sexual Harassment package to reigning in illegal hotels and more. That said, there is always more work to do in our city. A lot of what New York City needs in 2019 is in Albany's hands."

NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson

bettering the city as a whole in the new year, Johnson said, it's not all up to the New York City Council.

"A lot of what New York City needs in 2019

legalization and decriminalization, and using the revenue to help communities harmed by years of unjust enforcement and, possibly, to help fund the MTA."

The 'wish list'

- "Congestion pricing, congestion pricing, congestion pricing"
- People who are eligible to sign up for Fair Fares
- For the Trump administration to stop attacking and demonizing immigrants — "Our diversity is our strength."
- Funding for the MTA Fast Forward plan
- For House Democrats to conduct real, thorough oversight of this "embarrassment of a presidential administration."
- Marijuana legalization and decriminalization, and using the revenue to help communities harmed by years of unjust enforcement and possibly to help fund the MTA.
- Real rent reform in Albany; we have to protect tenants.
- Reproductive Health Act in Albany
- New York Health Act in Albany
- Voting reforms in Albany
- A boyfriend!
- For Lady Gaga to visit City Hall.
- For people to continue engaging with our democracy. People paying attention and participating in our democracy will get our city, our state, and our country through any challenge. I really believe that.

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TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOU!

Why are people so oblivious! Have you noticed how everyone is in their own little world and

it's ALL about them? Watch them walk out of a store, an office building, the subway, and on and on. They don't look both ways when exiting a building and walk directly into the flow of traffic, bumping and running right

into you. (Kind of like how they drive, too.) They bump into you and look at you like you're the one who is crazy and rude. They have their earbuds in, either talking to someone with no regard to anyone around them

like there is no one left on Earth, or they have the music so loud that they can't hear the people around them. Duh! No wonder you don't know when someone is directly behind you and you're weaving all over the sidewalk

hogging up space, so no one can pass you, or you don't hear them around you when they're exiting a doorway. Smarten up, people! It's not all about you. Did you forget common courtesy, manners, other people around you?

— Lorraine, Metro US reader

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A REAL GENTLEMAN

On Sunday, I was taking a walk when I heard loud, obscene language from someone walking behind me. I walked on and moved off the sidewalk, standing in front of an office building. A man came out and asked if he could assist me. I told him I was just waiting until the boisterous person passed. He looked over and saw what was a couple. Then he did something wonderful: He offered to walk with me down the street a few blocks. I let him know it wasn't necessary and thanked him for his kindness. Now that was a gentleman of a special kind!

— Foluke Obahnjoko, Metro US reader



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Aries You'll have an idea that can help you get out of a stressful situation. Trust in your ability to take advantage of an opportunity, and use your resources to make sure it happens.



Taurus Go over the fine print and think about what you can afford to lose. If you run your idea past someone who has supported you in the past, you'll make the right choice.



Gemini Look at the big picture, but don't try to take everything on all at once. Formulate a strategy that will help you get things done incrementally.



Cancer Keep busy with projects that allow you to use your creative imagination. Spending time with children or a loved one will give you a sense of belonging and fulfillment.



Leo Make a couple of changes that will get you moving in a positive direction. Once you begin, it will be easy to build momentum and achieve your goal.



Virgo Take on what you know you can do. If you overload your to-do list, you will fall short of your expectations. A physical activity will alleviate stress. Personal improvement is encouraged.



Libra Visit someone you enjoy being around, and do your best to avoid people who criticize you. Encouragement will help you choose your goals and give you the will to finish what you start.



Scorpio If you visit an older friend or relative, you'll learn something valuable. Someone's suggestion will change the way you do things this year. A positive change at home is apparent.



Sagittarius Make positive changes at home. Clear a space that will allow you to work on a project that can provide a little extra income. A lifestyle change is encouraged.



Capricorn Take control of a situation that you feel has potential. Share your ideas and be willing to put time and effort into making your dream a reality.



Aquarius Take a leap forward. Make progress with regard to vocational decisions and goal-setting. Now's the time to get down to brass tacks.

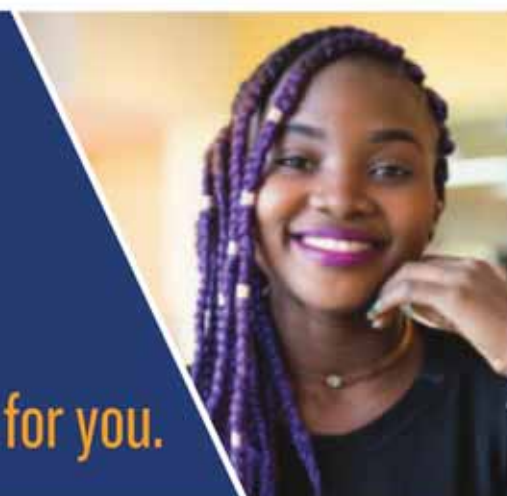


Pisces Keep a stiff upper lip, regardless of the emotional issues or insensitive comments you face. Spending a quiet day reading or relaxing with a loved one is encouraged. EUGENIA LAFIT

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NYC - What would it be worth to you if... in just 60 minutes... you could finally discover a way to get relief for your knee arthritis pain?

And...

How would it feel if you could wake up tomorrow morning and some... or even all your pain was gone?

And...

Wouldn't it be wonderful to start a brand new life and leave all your pain and suffering behind?

A life where...

...you jump out of bed in the morning, well rested and ready to take on the new day, without pain...

...you don't have to take slow, limping laps around your bedroom just to be able to walk every morning...

...you can go for walks, go up and down stairs and maybe even play sports like tennis and golf again...

...you can finally do all the things and enjoy life (just like everyone else) without constant, nagging pain...

Well... that's exactly what can possibly happen to you if you spend just 60 minutes with us...

...Because that's all it will take for one of our expert doctors to show you what we believe to be the safest, and most effective knee arthritis pain treatment there is...

I know you may find this hard to believe. Just about every one does when we tell them about this... at first.

But it doesn't take long for them to turn from skeptic to raving fan as soon as their pain improves so fast.

Do You Have An Open Mind?

So, I'm not asking you to believe me just yet. All I ask is you approach this and read the rest of this information with an open mind. If you give us a chance, we promise, you won't be disappointed...

Because There is Proof Real medical proof.

Here it is. A leading Orthopedic Surgeon and knee pain expert was getting excellent results with this non-surgical treatment on his own patients. In fact, this study involved almost 2000 patients followed over 10 years.

And more specifically, he was getting amazing results the way HE was doing this treatment using high tech imaging for precise technique... just like we do it.

And he wanted to prove... beyond a shadow of a doubt... the results he got... were not only REAL... they could most likely work for others just like you.

So he conducted some research, an 11 year project, and is published in the "Journal of Knee Surgery"... a Real and REPUTABLE medical journal (A copy of this research is available on our website or by mail)

What were his results

and what do they mean for your pain?

In this study he found that 75% of the severe knee arthritis pain patients he treated... and were facing knee replacement surgery... did not need to have knee replacement surgery... and were still OK 7.3 years later!

This is incredible news for you... and here's why...

The patients in this study were Stage 4 knee arthritis. That's the most advanced and worst stage. These are the cases that are usually sent for knee replacement surgery.

These patients had also gone through the common medical treatments like pain and anti-inflammatory pills, physical therapy etc, and all that had failed.

So... these were the WORST cases of which every thing else had failed... YET, after this treatment, 75% still did not need knee replacement even more than 7 years later.

And it gets better. The study only collected data up to that time. It is pretty safe to say that many may never need surgery.

Bottom line: This study clearly showed this treatment is safe and extremely effective even for even the worst cases.

So, even if you aren't one of the worst cases... imagine what it can do for you.

What IS This Treatment And How Can You Find Out If It Can Help You?

As studied as this treatment is... you may have an "Oh No!" reaction.

Why? Because there is a very good chance you have heard of it. You may have even given it a try... and NOT gotten good results.

That's because this treatment is actually pretty common now a days. But... and this is a very big BUT... there is a very specific way to apply this treatment (as done in the study) that makes it so successful. And many are NOT doing it this way.

So... please hear us out. This really might be the answer you are looking for.

Ok... here is the treatment and the full scoop on why it works so well... when done THIS WAY.

The treatment is called "viscosupplementation." It is frequently called, "gel treatment." Or "joint oil".

In this treatment, a gel is painlessly injected directly into your arthritic joint. This lubricates the joint, reduces friction... and allows more movement without all the inflammation and "grinding" caused by arthritis.

This is like putting oil on a rusty hinge. Once the oil is applied, the hinge can move much better.

But here is something you must know:

In that research project, all of the procedures were done with highly advanced imaging to guide the injections and make sure the gel got into the joint space area ultra-precisely.

This is EXTREMELY important... because... research also shows that injections done WITHOUT this imaging to guide them... can miss the joint space about one third of the time.

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LIFESTYLE

Patrick Warburton on the end of 'A Series of Unfortunate Events'

The third and final season of Netflix's Lemony Snicket adaptation is here.



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When Lemony Snicket first enters the frame in season 1 of Netflix's "A Series of Unfortunate Events," the mysteriously shy and sour author is as far removed from the Baudelaire children's lives as humanly possible.

By the time season 3 rolls around, however, Snicket realizes that he is now a part of the very story that he has been trying to tell. The first trailer for the third and final season hinted at this toward its end, and as the actor who plays Snicket, Patrick Warburton, told Metro,

the narrator's involvement in his own story has been a long time coming.

"I was looking forward to it," he says. "Lemony is sequestered in his own world throughout the entire process. So when we would all be together, we still really weren't all together. But I liked the dynamics and the emotions of the integration of Lemony into their lives. Being able to be a part of some of the answers to this tale was quite enjoyable."

Season 3, now out on Netflix, adapts the final four books of author Daniel Handler's popular young adult series: "The Slippery Slope," "The Grim Grotto" and "The Penultimate Peril" get two episodes each, while the appropriately titled "The End" gets one.

As a result, season 3 of "A Series of Unfortunate Events" is the show's shortest. It's also its final



Patrick Warburton as Lemony Snicket. ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX / ERIC MILNER

one, but as Warburton explains, he wouldn't have it any other way.

"We knew it was terminal to begin with. There are 13 books and I knew it was going to be three seasons," he recalls with a

laugh. "It was prudent on Barry's [Sonnenfeld] part to shoot seasons 2 and 3 back to back. The story is about the Baudelaires. They're kids and there are growth spurts. Once they get big, it loses its charm."

Sonnenfeld, who is best known for directing the original "Men in Black" trilogy and countless other films, serves as the show's executive producer. He also directed episodes in all three seasons. As Warburton explains, he never would have been a part of "A Series of Unfortunate Events" if it weren't for his "Men in Black II" director.

"I wouldn't have been on Netflix's list had it not been for Barry. He was insistent that I was the one to do this, to play Lemony. I'm very thankful for that. It's always great to know that there are creators out there whom you've worked with who will always champion you."

"I love working with Barry. He's a genius," he adds. "As an actor, sometimes you just wonder what good fortune you've had to develop a relationship with a person like

Barry so many years ago. Having a creator like that who wants to continue working with you is great. I've worked with him now on at least four different projects. It doesn't always work out that way. There aren't that many great creators out there, but if you happen to find yourself on one's radar, it can be a game-changer for your career. It has been for mine, honestly."

Now that "A Series of Unfortunate Events" is over, Warburton finds himself with a lot of free time on his hands, but he doesn't mind at all. He regularly sings with his band The Bearded Pearl Clams and has spent quite a lot of time vacationing with his family as of late. Frankly, none of that sounds unfortunate at all.

The final season of "A Series of Unfortunate Events" is now on Netflix.

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TV shows to look out for in early 2019

2018 saw a lot of scripted original series on television, and 2019 is about to see even more by current projections. Here are some of the TV shows set to premiere this winter that we are looking forward to the most.

'True Detective' (HBO)
On the heels of a lackluster second season that disappointed critics and audiences alike, Nic Pizzolatto's HBO anthology series "True Detective" returns on Sunday, Jan. 13, with two back-to-back new episodes featuring season 3 lead Mahershala Ali, who plays Det. Wayne Hays. The new story surrounds the case of Will and Julie Purcell, two children who go missing in 1980 and whose case is never really solved in a manner that satisfies Hays or anyone else involved. Stephen Dorff and Carmen Ejogo also star.

'Shrill' (Hulu)
"Saturday Night Live"'s

Aidy Bryant has quickly become one of the program's most popular players. On Friday, March 15, however, she will lead the new Hulu comedy series "Shrill," which is executive-produced by "SNL" overlord Lorne Michaels and actress Elizabeth Banks. Bryant plays Annie, a young, overweight woman who decides to make some serious changes to her life but not her body. Lolly Adefope, Luka Jones, Ian Owens and John Cameron Mitchell also star.

'Brooklyn Nine-Nine' (NBC)

At the eleventh hour, NBC stepped in and saved "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" following the acclaimed comedy series' cancellation by FOX. Chelsea Peretti will no longer be a regular cast member and the season 6 episode order is much smaller than previous seasons, but judging by the first teaser trailer, it

seems Det. Jake Peralta (Andy Samberg) and his cohorts are going to be going about things like it's business as usual. Andre Braugher, Terry Crews, Stephanie Beatriz, Melissa Fumero and Joe Lo Truglio are all back as well.

'Broad City' (Comedy Central)

Sadly, for all the new shows coming in 2019, many of the good ones must also come to an end — like Comedy Central's "Broad City," the last season of which premieres Thursday, Jan. 24. Co-stars and co-creators Ilana Glazer and Abbi Jacobson, who have become household names since "Broad City" first made waves in 2014, are back for one final bout as Ilana and Abbi, the two devoted friends who've been trying and failing to navigate their professional and personal lives in New York City. Will it all finally work out? **ANDREW HUSBAND**

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ISLANDERS MAKE PLAYOFFS, TRADE FOR ARTEMI PANARIN

The Islanders have already exceeded expectations this season. Despite bringing on Lou Lamoriello and Barry Trotz for the front office and behind the bench, the loss of John Tavares and the inability to acquire a big-name replacement led many to

believe New York would be near the bottom of the Metropolitan Division.

Organization at the top, though, in Lamoriello and Trotz has trickled down as the Islanders are currently sitting just outside a playoff spot.

Should they stay in the hunt, Lamoriello may feel inclined to make a major move near the league's Feb. 26 trade deadline. Among the major names expected to be available are Columbus Blue Jackets star Artemi Panarin and St. Louis Blues sniper Vladimir Tarasenko.

Panarin could be acquired at a much cheaper price compared to Tarasenko; he will be a free agent at the end of the 2018-19 season, while Tarasenko is under

team control through the 2022-23 season.

Averaging over a point per game, Panarin would bring some much-needed legitimacy to an inconsistent Islanders offense and power play.

YANKEES GET MANNY MACHADO, WIN WORLD SERIES

It is only a matter of days until we find out where All-Star infielder Manny Machado decides to go.

The 26-year-old infielder is one of Major League Baseball's most desired free agents alongside Bryce Harper and has already held his meetings with the Yankees, Chicago White Sox, and Philadelphia Phillies.

While the Yankees are not expected to outbid the White Sox and



GIANTS STARTING QB IN 2019: JOE FLACCO

Phillies, Machado has reportedly told his inner circle that if New York's offer is close, he'll head to the Bronx.

The Yankees need a major addition to keep up with the Boston Red Sox, and acquiring James Paxton before resigning J.A. Happ won't be enough to do that. Machado moves the Yankees close enough to the Red Sox to the point where an AL East title should be expected in 2019.

Adding a bat that is going to add over 30 home runs to a lineup that already set an MLB record for round-trippers last year would only make the Yankees a stronger World Series contender, one that should win title No. 28 if they can find a way to get past the Red Sox.

The biggest question the New York Giants will have to answer in 2019 is who their starting quarterback will be.

Eli Manning's football mortality has become more and more of an issue as the veteran sputtered through an inconsistent 2018 campaign. It's unfair to pin all the blame on him given his placement behind a shoddy offensive line, but there were multiple occasions when Manning was unable to navigate the Giants through winnable situations.

He'll turn 38 on Thursday and despite all he's done for the organization, the Giants have to start moving in a different direction to continue their rebuild toward contention.

While they are likely to lose out on a legitimate quarterback prospect in the 2018 draft given their stronger second half of the season, the Giants could scour the free-agent market to find their next No. 1 passer.

Joe Flacco and the Baltimore Ravens are expected to part ways this offseason after the emergence of rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson. The 33-year-old isn't much younger than Manning, but he's a fellow Super Bowl MVP and a bit more mobile than the Giants' current man under center.

He can at least be a placeholder until the Giants find a younger talent or project to mold into the next franchise quarterback, but there are plenty of worse options.



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A HARBAUGH WILL COACH THE JETS

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John, current coach of the Baltimore Ravens, is believed to be on his way out (just like Flacco) after 11 years with the organization.

He delivered the franchise its second-ever Super Bowl in 2013 and had just one season below .500 during that span. But the Ravens haven't made the playoffs since the 2014 season as they look to be heading in a different direction.

While he will be looking for a new job this winter, his brother Jim could be on his way back to the NFL.

The current head

coach at University of Michigan, Jim is expected to be a major candidate for a number of coaching searches in the NFL this winter despite not being able to get his Wolverines over the hump in the Big 10 and into the College Football Playoff.

The Jets and Jim have been linked as of late, with reports tabbing Gang Green to make a run at the 55-year-old this offseason.

It would provide him with a return to the NFL where he coached the San Francisco 49ers from 2011-2014.

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This could be one of the biggest summers in New York Knicks fran-

chise history.

The inept franchise, despite being one of the worst teams in the NBA, is moving in the right direction.

David Fizdale looks like he's the right man to lead a rebuilding team, while Kristaps Porzingis is inching toward a return. In the meantime, Emmanuel Mudiay is emerging as a viable point guard option and Kevin Knox is showing flashes of becoming a developing star.

Yet the Knicks could very well be "winning" the NBA Draft Lottery as they are in contention for the league's worst record. Gaining the No. 1 pick of the draft would result in Zion Williamson, the star currently lighting up highlight reels at Duke.

Along with the possibility of adding an elite talent in the draft, the Knicks are expected to have enough cap space for two max-salary roster spots, meaning they'll be major players in free agency.

The biggest name linked to the Knicks continues to be Golden State Warriors All-Star Kevin Durant, who is hurtling toward a break-up with the two-time defending champions.

As the 2018 calendar year ends, reports are looking promising for the Knicks as reports indicate that they are favorites to land Durant once free agency begins on July 1, 2019.

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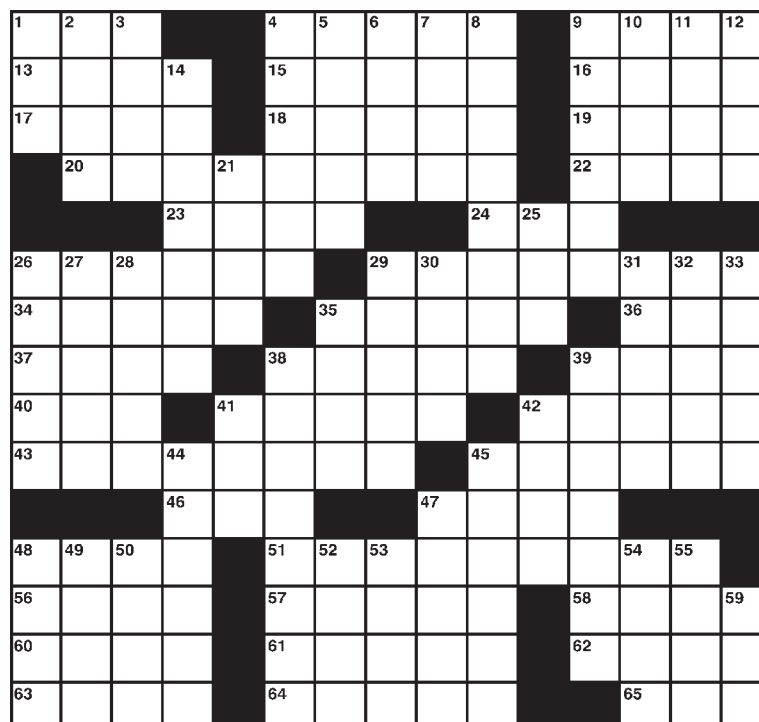
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- 1 As cool __ cucumber
4 VP Spiro
9 Applaud
13 Goes up and down
15 Small blackboard
16 " __ springs eternal"
17 Tranquil
18 Part of a flower
19 Matures
20 In __; all prepared
22 Home of twigs
23 Attack commands
24 Garden tool
26 Itchy red patches
29 Easily recognized
34 BBQ residue
35 Courtroom event
36 JFK's predecessor
37 Unfair slant
38 Memorize
39 Floating sheet of ice
40 Naughty
41 Tropical trees
42 Store cashier
43 Not fit for human consump-

- tion
45 Seacoasts
46 Calendar abbr.
47 Right around the corner
48 First man
51 Going up
56 Indian prince
57 Entrances
58 __ up; absorb
60 Rugged cliff
61 Martini garnish
62 Easy to handle
63 Roll call response
64 Acting parts
65 Female bird

DOWN

- 1 Alphabetic opening
2 Zoom skyward
3 Suffix for pay or depend
4 Meat stock jellies
5 Narrow valleys
6 Basketball great Archibald
7 Greek letters
8 Cardiff resident
9 __ No. 5; classic perfume
10 Theater box
11 Makes fun of
12 Nuisance
14 Crushes violently
21 Perishes
25 Engine additive
26 Temple leader
27 Thai or Chinese
28 Window covering
29 Picture border
30 Haughtiness
31 Couch potato
32 Think the world of
33 Gives off a strong odor
35 TV's "To __ the Truth"
38 Canada's Newfoundland and __
39 Corsage seller
41 Printing store chain
42 Actor Everett
44 Cause harm to
45 Taste, touch, sight, etc.
47 Chutzpah
48 Part of the foot
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50 Not quite closed
52 Song for one
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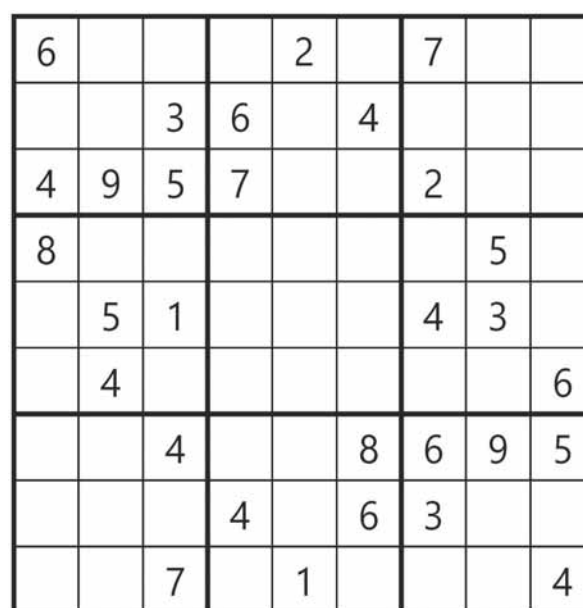
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